

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 to 4 (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A patient turning and lifting and lifting device ~~as defined in claim 2~~ further comprising:

a body support with at least one inflatable turning bladder and at least one inflatable support pad configured to lie beneath the patient, and configured to securely position the turning bladder between a body of a patient and a patient supporting surface,

wherein the inflatable turning bladder is releasably secured to the body support by containment within a pocket of the body support that orients the bladder between the patient supporting surface and the patient's body,

a bladder pack insert having flexible inelastic walls and forming at least one interior chamber,

at least one inflatable bladder configured to fit in the bladder pack, and the bladder pack being configured to fit within a pocket of the body support.

6 to 8 (Canceled).

9. (Currently amended) A patient turning and lifting device ~~as defined in claim 8~~ comprising:

a body support with at least one inflatable turning bladder and at least one inflatable support pad configured to lie beneath the patient, and configured to securely position the turning bladder between a body of a patient and a patient supporting surface;

wherein the body support comprises a plurality of support pads including a backpad and a side rail on each side of the backpad spaced to closely match the width of a patient's torso to provide lateral support to the patient; and

wherein the support pads also include a saddle at one end of the backpad, positioned between the side rails and having an elevated surface configured to contact the thighs or buttocks of a patient in the body support to prevent longitudinal sliding of the patient relative to the body support.

10. (Original) A patient turning and lifting device as defined in claim 9 wherein the saddle is configured to have a triangular cross-section that forms a wedge shape.

11. (Original) A body support as defined in claim 9 wherein the saddle comprises an inflatable bladder configured to be inflated and deflated in time sequence with the turning bladder to move the patient relative to the patient supporting surface.

12. (Original) A patient turning and lifting device as defined in claim 10 wherein the backpad, siderails and saddle each comprise an inflatable bladder.

13 to 19 (Canceled).

20. (Currently amended) A patient turning and lifting device ~~as defined in claim 8~~ comprising:

a body support with at least one inflatable turning bladder and at least one inflatable support pad configured to lie beneath the patient, and configured to securely position the turning bladder between a body of a patient and a patient supporting surface;

wherein the body support comprises a plurality of support pads including a backpad and a side rail on each side of the backpad spaced to closely match the width of a patient's torso to provide lateral support to the patient; and

wherein the backpad further comprises a recess for supporting the buttocks of a patient.

21. (Original) A patient turning and lifting device as defined in claim 20 wherein the recess is defined by an opening through the backpad surface.

22 to 26 (Canceled).

27. (Currently amended) A method of turning a patient ~~as defined in claim 26~~ comprising:

providing a body support having left and right inflatable turning bladders and at least one inflatable support pad configured to lie beneath the patient;

placing the body support beneath a patient on a supporting surface so that the inflatable turning bladders are situated between the patient supporting surface and the patient and the left and right bladders coincide with left and right sides of the patient's torso;

alternatingly inflating the left and right inflation bladders to move the body of the patient from the patient supporting surface;

wherein the support pad comprises an inflatable bladder and the support pad is inflated to help support the patient's body away from the patient supporting surface; and

wherein the support pad further comprises a saddle that is inflated and deflated in sequence with the left and right turning bladders to insure that the sacrum of a patient's torso is maintained away from the patient supporting surface.

28. (Canceled).